DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Office of the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Dallas, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful gifts God has provided each of us. We are blessed to live in a vibrant, growing Catholic community with boundless opportunities to serve one another.

In the past two years, we have embarked upon the first-ever diocesan capital campaign to help address the significant needs of our diocese. The growth of the Catholic community here is unequalled in the country and requires us to respond boldly to the challenges set before us. Just as those faithful, Catholic pioneers overcame hardships to spread our faith and build up the Church in 1890, so I hope we will work to overcome the challenges that face us today to continue building up the Catholic Church in North Texas.

The *Our Faith...Our Future* Diocese of Dallas Capital Campaign plans to financially assist Catholic schools and parishes, Holy Trinity Seminary, the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and Catholic Charities by raising $125M. This historic campaign will provide transformative financial assistance to thousands of people in our community. It will continue our mission of serving others; now and in the future. As you may have seen on the 125th anniversary materials throughout the diocese, please note the statement of "125 years of serving." That is what we do as Catholics and I fully expect there to be another 125 years of serving within our diocese beginning with this campaign.

The importance of the *Our Faith...Our Future* Capital Campaign for the people of the Diocese of Dallas does not overshadow the critical role the Bishop's Appeal plays in the daily lives of so many people in our community. For many years, the Bishop's Appeal has supported numerous essential ministries throughout the diocese that are indispensable to thousands of people here. The Appeal continues to provide ministries that teach the faith, provide the sacraments, and bring comfort and aid to all the people of the Diocese of Dallas.

As we remember the goodness of those who have gone before us in faith, I would ask that you join me in prayer for the continued success of the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Ministries and the success of the *Our Faith...Our Future* Capital Campaign. Please be assured of my gratitude and know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers and I ask that you continue to pray for me.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
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